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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID G. HOWELL, GEOLOGIST, U.S. GEO-
LOGICAL SURVEY IN MID-JUNE 1975 TO CEDROS ISLANDS
MEXICO

1. MR. DAVID G. HOWELL, A GEOLOGIST WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE NATURE EXPEDITIONS INTERNATIONAL, P.O. BOX 1173, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA, TO PARTICIPATE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTINENTAL BORDERLAND IN MID-JUNE 1975. THIS INVOLVES A RECONNAISSANCE STUDY OF GUADALUPE, SAN BENITOS AND CEDROS ISLANDS, MEXICO.

2. THERE WILL BE FOUR SCIENTISTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, EIGHTEEN STUDENTS AND MR. HOWELL. THE NATURE EXPEDITIONS INTERNATIONAL WILL CHARTER A UNITED STATES REGISTERED BOAT AND PRESUMABLY WILL OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR THAT VESSEL.

3. THE USGS WOULD LIKE MR. HOWELL TO JOIN THIS RESEARCH STUDY AS HE IS PRESENTLY WORKING ON TOPICS INVOLVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOLCANIC ROCKS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE BORDERLAND AND A STUDY OF THE EAST SANTA CRUZ BASIN FAULT SYSTEM. THE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THIS PROPOSED
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RECONNAISSANCE STUDY WILL AUGMENT OUR PERSPECTIVE IN VIEW-

ING THE GEOLOGY OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTINENTAL
BORDERLAND AREA, AND WILL HELP IN ASSESSING A SOUTHERN

EXTENSION OF THE EAST SANTA CRUZ FAULT SYSTEM. ALSO, MR.
HOWELL WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT ABOUT SIX POUNDS OF SAMPLES
OF PLUTONIC AND VOLCANIC ROCKS.

4. THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ANY REQUIRED
GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CLEARANCE WOULD BE GREATLY
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